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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| | ORIGINAL DATE 02/16/07 | | |
| SPONSOR Stapleton | LAST UPDATED _____ | HB 1171 | _____ |
| | UNM Visiting Scholars Program | | |
| SHORT TITLE African American Program | | SB _____ | _____ |
| | | ANALYST Moser | _____ |

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
| | \$100.0 | Non-Recurring | General Fund |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Companion to HB1105, HB1172, HB1173
 Relates to SB385, SB709, HB1170

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Higher Education Department (HED)
 NM Office of African Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1171 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY08 and subsequent years for visiting scholars at the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall in the African American Studies Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Charlie Morrissey Research Hall was established in 1990 to respond to the research interests

and needs related to African Americans. The mission of the Research Hall is to become the southwest's best repository of documents about Black people of the southwest. The Research Hall's collections include rare books, rare manuscripts, rare magazines and other publications, old photographs, audio and video tapes, deeds and titles to lands, oral histories, and other archival artifacts that document the presence of Africans and African Americans in New Mexico specifically, and southwest in general.

The Charlie Morrissey Research Hall organizes public lectures and panel discussions to address the presence in and the contributions of Africans and African Americans to the southwest. Periodic exhibitions of rare photographs and artifacts are included in the activities of the Hall.

The Visiting Scholars in Residence Program in the African American Program would allow scholars to remain in residence at the UNM for two years with the option of extending their residency one additional year. The scholars would participate in the distinguished lecture series, conduct research, and teach classes in the African American Studies Program. The appropriation would be used to fund the Visiting Scholars in Residence Program initiative and related activities.

This request was not submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Companion bills are:

HB 1105 appropriates \$190,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall to repair and maintain existing archival facilities and display space, and provide base resources for faculty led student research focusing on the Black Diasporas at the national and international levels.

HB 1172 appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for a Senior Scholar at the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall in the African-American Studies Program.

HB 1173 appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to build a core faculty in the African American Studies Program to expand the department, create distance learning coursework, conduct research, and support undergraduate and graduate students.

Relationship bills are:

SB 385 appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to support the African American Studies Program.

SB 709 is a related bill that appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the African American Student Services Program and operations.

HB 1170 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University

of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to bridge the achievement gap for African American high school and first year students to prepare them for university course work and provide fellowships and assistantships and a distinguished lecture series in the African American Studies Program.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The African American Studies Program at UNM offers a variety of courses specific to the literature, history, and culture of the African or Black Diaspora. The program offers an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree, a specialized minor, and a general minor in African American Studies.

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